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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The present report to the General Assembly has been prepared in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the Trade and Development Board in its decision 302 (XXIX) of 21 September 1984. 1/

2. In the absence of Mr. Jean-David Levitte (France), President of the Board at the first part of its thirty-seventh session, recalled by his Government to take up new duties in Paris, the second part of the thirty-seventh session was opened by Mr. Emeka Ayo Azikiwe (Nigeria), Vice-President, on 11 March 1991.

A. Agenda

3. The agenda for the second part of the thirty-seventh session is reproduced in annex I.

B. Bureau

4. The Bureau at the second part of the thirty-seventh session was as follows:

President: Mr. Emilio Artacho Castellano (Spain)

Vice-Presidents: Mr. Nabil A. Elaraby (Egypt)
Mr. Euripides P. Kerkinos (Greece)
Mr. Seyed Mojtaba Arastou (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Mr. Marcelo Vargas (Mexico)
Mr. Johan Frederik Boddens-Hosang (Netherlands)
Mr. Emeka Ayo Azikiwe (Nigeria)
Mr. Luis Gonzalez Arias (Paraguay)
Mr. Janusz Kaczurba (Poland)
Mr. Morris B. Abram (United States of America)
Mr. Yahya Hamoud Geghman (Yemen)

Rapporteur: Mr. A. N. Sytchev (Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic)

5. The officers of the Sessional Committees were:

Sessional Committee I

Chairman: Mr. Martin Hecker (Germany)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur: Mr. Ricardo Babul (Chile)

Sessional Committee II

Chairman: Mr. Ahmed A. Gubartalla (Sudan)

Vice-Chairman-cum-Rapporteur: Mr. Jean-Louis Tordeur (Belgium)

C. Membership and attendance 2/

6. The following States members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), members of the Board, were represented at the session:

Afghanistan
Algeria
Argentina
Australia
Austria
Bahrain
Bangladesh
Belgium
Bhutan
Bolivia
Brazil
Bulgaria
Burundi
Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic
Cameroon
Canada
Central African Republic
Chile
China
Colombia
Costa Rica
Côte d'Ivoire
Cuba
Czechoslovakia
Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Denmark
Dominican Republic
Ecuador
Egypt
El Salvador
Ethiopia
Finland
France
Germany
Ghana
Greece
Haiti
Honduras
Hungary
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Iraq
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Jamaica
Japan
Jordan
Kenya
Kuwait
Lebanon
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Madagascar
Malaysia
Malta
Mexico
Mongolia
Morocco
Myanmar
Nepal
Netherlands
New Zealand
Nicaragua
Nigeria
Norway
Oman
Pakistan
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Philippines
Poland
Portugal
Qatar
Republic of Korea
Romania
Saudi Arabia
Senegal
Singapore
Somalia
Spain
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Sweden
Switzerland
Syrian Arab Republic
Thailand
Togo
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkey
Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
United Republic of Tanzania
United States of America
Uruguay
Venezuela
Viet Nam
Yemen
Yugoslavia
Zaire
Zambia
Zimbabwe

7. The following other States members of UNCTAD, not members of the Board, were represented at the session: Brunei Darussalam, Dominica and the Holy See.

8. Palestine participated pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3237 (XXIX) of 22 November 1974. The Pan Africanist Congress of Azania participated pursuant to General Assembly resolution 3280 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974.

9. The Economic Commission for Africa and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) were represented at the session. The International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT was also represented.

10. The following specialized and related agencies were represented at the session: Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO); World Health Organization (WHO); World Bank; International Monetary Fund (IMF); World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO); and United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) was also represented.

11. The following intergovernmental organizations were represented at the session: African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States; Commonwealth Secretariat; European Community (EC); International Organization for Migration; Latin American Economic System (SELA); League of Arab States (LAS); Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD); Organization of African Unity (OAU); and Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Economic Integration.

12. The following non-governmental organizations were represented at the session:

(a) General category: Friends World Committee for Consultation (Quakers); International Bar Association; International Chamber of Commerce; International Confederation of Free Trade Unions; Women's International League for Peace and Freedom; World Assembly of Small and Medium Enterprises; World Association of Former United Nations Interns and Fellows, Inc.; and World Federation of United Nations Associations;

(b) Special category: International Air Transport Association; and International Association of Islamic Banks.

D. Resolutions and decision requiring the attention of, or action by, the General Assembly

13. The attention of the General Assembly is drawn to the following resolutions and decision, the text of which are contained in section II below: 3/

A. Resolutions

389 (XXXVII). United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990: the intergovernmental input of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development into the General Assembly's final review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action in 1991

390 (XXXVII). Review of the progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

391 (XXXVII). Date and venue of the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

B. Decision

392 (XXXVII). Review of the calendar of meetings

II. RESOLUTIONS AND DECISION ADOPTED BY THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD AT THE SECOND PART OF ITS THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION

A. Resolutions

389 (XXXVII). United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990: the intergovernmental input of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development into the General Assembly's final review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action in 1991*

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling its decision 372 (XXXVI) of 13 October 1989,

Having undertaken its final review and appraisal of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990 pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 43/27 of 18 November 1988 and 45/178 A of 19 December 1990,

Noting with appreciation the contribution of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, and noting also with appreciation funds provided by the United Nations Development Programme and other donors, in the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development, notably the expansion of technical assistance programmes for African countries by the Conference,

Also noting with appreciation the documentation prepared by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in this process, especially documents TD/B/1280 and Add.1 and document TD/B/1279,

Acknowledging that the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development helped mobilize both African countries and the international community in the pursuit of policies and actions for Africa's economic recovery and development,

Recognizing Africa's primary responsibility for formulating and implementing effective economic and social policies towards achieving the objectives of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development,

Reaffirming the international community's commitment to provide the necessary support for Africa's efforts towards economic recovery and development based on mutually reinforcing action and partnership,

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* For a statement made by the representative of the United States of America on the adoption of the resolution, see section III below.

Noting with satisfaction the courageous and persistent efforts exerted by most African countries in adopting and implementing structural adjustment programmes and reform policies, in spite of their social costs,

Reaffirming the continuing need in Africa for human resource mobilization and development and institutional capacity-building, as well as encouraging the role and participation of women and youth, particularly those living in the rural areas, in the development process,

Noting with concern the stagnation in international resource flows to Africa in real terms, the decline in foreign direct investment and the continued depressed market conditions for Africa's major export commodities,

Noting that a number of international debt initiatives have been taken, and noting, however, with concern that the debt burden remains a major impediment to recovery and development in Africa,

Bearing in mind problems of environmental degradation and recurring natural disasters in many parts of the continent,

Reaffirming the importance of subregional and regional integration, as well as economic and technical cooperation in the process of African economic recovery and development,

Recognizing that a four-year period is a short span for dealing with economic recovery and transformation in Africa and that the attainment of the objectives of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development require long-term planning, effective economic policies and enhanced international support,

1. Reaffirms the primary responsibility of African countries for their economic recovery and development in an environment that offers equal opportunities to all people, both men and women, to participate fully in the developmental process;

2. Commends African countries that are undertaking courageous efforts to implement necessary reforms and structural adjustment measures, and urges them to persist with reform policies;

3. Urges that structural adjustment policies supported by the international financial institutions should take into account longer-term developmental objectives and seek to ensure a positive social impact while securing basic needs such as nutrition, health, education and infrastructure;

4. Calls upon African countries, in the implementation of structural adjustment and reform programmes, including those in partnership with international institutions and individual donors, to take into account their environmental and overall developmental objectives, as well as technological and financial needs;

5. Reaffirms the continuing commitment of the international community to support the efforts and policies of African countries in the pursuit of the objectives of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development;

6. Urges the international community to pursue its efforts to provide additional resource support for the objectives of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development in the future and in particular to provide additional resource flows, especially official development assistance, in real terms and to encourage the increased flow of foreign direct investment into Africa; appropriate measures should continue to be intensified by African countries to provide an enabling environment for increased and productive foreign direct investment;

7. Stresses the need, in accordance with Trade and Development Board resolution 388 (XXXVII), for continuing and concerted efforts in the context of international debt initiatives towards comprehensive and effective debt relief measures for African countries;

8. Calls upon all countries, especially major trading partners, to improve access for Africa's commodity exports to their markets especially in their semi-processed and processed forms;

9. Urges the international community to continue to strengthen its support for Africa's diversification efforts;

10. Notes with satisfaction the efforts undertaken by African countries to achieve subregional and regional integration and economic and technical cooperation, and calls upon the international community to support these efforts;

11. Emphasizes that any assessment of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development and related statistics, information and studies should cover the whole of developing Africa;

12. Expresses its appreciation to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for the arrangements made within the secretariat and the effective efforts made to enhance the contribution of the Conference to the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990;

13. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to continue, within his mandate, his efforts to provide assistance to African countries, including continued analysis and research relating to problems of interest to Africa, as well as technical cooperation programmes in Africa and to ensure that needs appraisal missions of the Conference will cover all regions of Africa;

14. Requests the international community, especially donor countries and institutions, to provide additional voluntary resource support for technical and other programmes of assistance for Africa of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development;

15. Recommends to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Whole of the General Assembly, taking into account the foregoing, to consider the continuation of African and international efforts within the objectives defined in the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990.

788th meeting
22 March 1991

390 (XXXVII). Review of the progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 45/206 of 21 December 1990 endorsing the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s,

Emphasizing the prime objective of the Programme of Action and the basic principles laid down in it as the basis for action by the least developed countries and their development partners,

Recalling the solemn commitment of the international community, as contained in the Paris Declaration, to implement the Programme of Action throughout the 1990s,

Stressing that successful implementation of the Programme of Action will depend on shared responsibility and strengthened partnership for growth and development of the least developed countries,

Expressing deep concern at the adverse consequences of unforeseen external developments on the economies of the least developed countries,

Noting with serious concern the deteriorated resource situation of the Special Measures Fund for the Least Developed Countries,

1. Expresses its appreciation to the Government and the people of France for acting as host to the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, as well as for their gracious hospitality, excellent arrangements and important contribution to the outcome of the Conference;

2. Emphasizes the imperative need for the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s by all parties as a matter of urgency;

3. Takes note of the recent Least Developed Countries 1990 Report, prepared by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, as well as of the initial steps being taken by it pursuant to its mandate concerning follow-up, monitoring and review of the implementation of the Programme of Action, including arrangements for the annual review by the Trade and Development Board and, in this regard, requests all Governments and organs, organizations and agencies of the United Nations system to extend all necessary cooperation to the Conference in implementing its mandate;

4. Also takes note of the decision of the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session to strengthen the special programme for the least developed countries of the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and to provide it with sufficient resources, and emphasizes in this context the need for expeditious implementation of the present resolution;

5. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in the context of making necessary links between

follow-up at the national and global levels, to participate in and contribute to the country review process, and to report thereon to the Board, as appropriate;

6. Calls upon donor Governments and other donors, particularly the United Nations Development Programme, including, as appropriate, by the use of its Special Measures Fund through further contributions to it, as well as other organizations and agencies of the United Nations system, effectively to support the technical cooperation activities of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for least developed countries, and in this context expresses deep appreciation to the Governments of Italy and the Netherlands for their assistance through the secretariat of the Conference for this purpose;

7. Takes note with appreciation of the initiative of the Government of Japan to hold a seminar, in collaboration with the United Nations Capital Development Fund, on the development problems of least developed countries in the 1990s, in Tokyo in May 1991;

8. Urges all Governments, international and multilateral organizations, regional integration organizations and relevant non-governmental organizations to continue to pay special attention to the problems of least developed countries and, in this context, urges their development partners to provide support and assistance to the least developed countries, according to the prevailing external circumstances, with a view to mitigating the adverse consequences of unforeseen developments on their economies;

9. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to present a report to the eighth session of the Conference on the progress made in the implementation of the Programme of Action.

788th meeting
22 March 1991

391 (XXXVII). Date and venue of the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development*

The Trade and Development Board,

Recalling Trade and Development Board decision 381 (XXXVI) of 23 March 1990 and General Assembly resolution 45/205 of 21 December 1990,

1. Takes note of the communication circulated by the Uruguayan authorities on 29 January 1991, and expresses its full understanding of the difficulties encountered by the Government of Uruguay to host the eighth session of the Conference;

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* For a statement made by the representative of Colombia on the adoption of this resolution, see section III below.

2. Welcomes with deep appreciation the offer made by the Government of Colombia to host the eighth session of the Conference at Cartagena de Indias as from 1 February 1992;

3. Agrees, in the light of the above, that the Conference should take place at Cartagena de Indias from 8 to 25 February 1992, preceded by a two-day Senior Officials Meeting on 6 and 7 February 1992;

4. Decides to recommend to the General Assembly at its resumed forty-fifth session that the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development be convened from 8 to 25 February 1992 at Cartagena de Indias, Colombia.

788th meeting
22 March 1991

B. Decision

392 (XXXVII). Review of the calendar of meetings

The Trade and Development Board

Approves the calendar of meetings for the first half of 1991 4/ and agrees that the draft calendar for the second half of 1991 and the draft schedules of meetings for 1992 and 1993 5/ shall be remitted to the informal group on calendar matters, which will report to the consultative machinery established under Board decision 143 (XVI) and resolution 231 (XXII).

C. Other decisions

1. Adoption of the report on credentials

(Agenda item 1 (c))

14. At its 788th meeting, on 22 March 1991, the Board adopted the report submitted by its Bureau on the credentials of all representatives attending the session (TD/B/1292).

2. Provisional agenda for the first part of the thirty-eighth regular session of the Board

(Agenda item 1 (d))

Provisional agenda for the seventeenth special session of the Board

(Agenda item 1 (e))

15. At its 788th meeting on 22 March 1991, the Board approved the provisional agendas for the first part of its thirty-eighth session (see annex II) and its seventeenth special session (see annex III).

16. In accordance with past practice, the Board authorized the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in consultation with the President, to adjust and complete the provisional agendas in the light of developments. This arrangement was on the understanding that any amendments or additions would be subject to consultations with the representatives of regional groups and interested member States within the framework of the consultative machinery established by Board decision 143 (XVI) and resolution 231 (XXII). The Board also requested the Secretary-General of the Conference to consult delegations regarding the organization of work of the sessions and to circulate his suggestions thereon.

3. Reports of subsidiary and other bodies

17. At its 784th meeting on 12 March 1991, the Board took note of the report of the Committee on Commodities (TD/B/1281) on its fourteenth session (18-20 November 1990) and endorsed agreed conclusion 26 (XIV) therein.

18. The Board's attention was drawn in particular to the issues to be explored during the preparatory process for the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and at the Conference itself; to the recommendation by the Committee that the question of diversification, processing, marketing and distribution be a separate item on the agenda for the Committee's fifteenth session and that the session be for nine working days; and to the Committee's action, pursuant to Board decision 379 (S-XVI) on export earnings shortfalls and compensatory financing, and pursuant to Board decision 389 (XXXVII) on sustainable development.

4. Designation of the President of the thirty-eighth regular session of the Board

(Agenda item 1 (f))

19. At its 788th meeting on 22 March 1991, the Board took note that, in accordance with the cycle for the rotation of the Office of President of the Board, the President at the thirty-eighth session should be a representative of one of the States contained in list D in the annex to General Assembly resolution 1995 (XIX) of 30 December 1964. The Board also took note that, in the light of consultations held and in a spirit of understanding and flexibility, it had been agreed that at the thirty-eighth session of the Board the presidency would be assumed by a representative of one of the African States in list A and that at the thirty-ninth regular session the office of President would revert to one of the States in list D. The Board further took note that the Rapporteur at the thirty-eighth regular session would be a representative of one of the States in list C.

20. In the light of the above, the Board designated H.E. Mr. Thomas Ogada (Kenya) as President of the Board at its thirty-eighth session.

5. Treatment of new States members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for purposes of elections

(Agenda item 8 (a))

21. At its 782nd meeting on 11 March 1991, the Board took note that no applications for membership of the Conference had been received and further noted that the membership of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development remained unchanged at 166.

6. Announcement of any changes in the membership of the Board and election to membership of main committees

(Agenda item 8 (b))

22. At its 782nd meeting on 11 March 1991, the Board took note that its membership remained unchanged at 130. The Board further confirmed the composition of its main committees as given in document TD/B/INF.178/Rev.1.

7. Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purpose of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board

(Agenda item 8 (c))

23. At its 784th meeting on 12 March 1991, the Board approved the applications of the following three intergovernmental organizations for designation under rule 76 of the rules of procedure: the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, the Joint Assembly of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States, and the European Community and the Common Fund for Commodities.

8. Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purpose of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board

(Agenda item 8 (d))

24. At its 784th plenary meeting on 12 March 1991, the Board took note that no new applications for designation for the purpose of rule 77 of the rules of procedure had been received. The Board further noted that the International Shipowners Association had ceased to exist and had been deleted from the list of non-governmental organizations in status with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

9. Other action

25. At its 786th meeting, on 15 March 1991, the Board decided that a summary of its deliberations under item 6 at the current session, together with the note submitted by the secretariat of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (TD/B/1287), should be transmitted by the President to the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session.

26. At the same meeting, in adopting resolution 391 (XXXVII) on the date and venue of the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the Board also endorsed proposals for the preparatory process for the eighth session whereby the following timing was agreed: first part of the seventeenth special session of the Board: 24-26 June 1991; first part of the thirty-eighth session of the Board: 23 September to 4 October 1991; ad hoc preparatory mechanism(s) of the seventeenth special session of the Board: intermittent in October and November 1991; second part of the seventeenth special session of the Board: 2-11 December 1991.

III. STATEMENTS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH ACTION BY THE BOARD

A. United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990: the intergovernmental input of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development into the General Assembly's final review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action in 1991 (resolution 389 (XXXVII))

27. The representative of the United States of America said that his delegation was pleased to have joined in the adoption of the resolution but would like the record to reflect that it was his delegation's understanding that paragraph 7 was in the context of the international debt strategy to address effectively African debt problems.

B. Date and venue of the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (resolution 391 (XXXVII))

28. The representative of Colombia expressed his Government's appreciation of the acceptance of its proposal to hold the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development at Cartagena de Indias. Colombia would spare no effort to offer the Conference a splendid setting for a meeting of member Governments.

Notes

1/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 15 (A/39/15), vol. II, sect. II.

2/ For the list of participants, see document TD/B/INF.182.

Notes (continued)

3/ All texts were adopted without a vote at the 788th plenary meeting, on 22 March 1991.

4/ TD/B/INF.179, the dates for the first part of the seventeenth special session of the Trade and Development Board being amended to 24-26 June 1991.

5/ TD/B/L.913 and UNCTAD/PSM/CAS/296, as amended orally.

ANNEX I

Agenda of the second part of the thirty-seventh session of the Trade and Development Board

1. Procedural matters:

   (a) Election of the President of the Trade and Development Board;

   (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session;

   (c) Adoption of the report on credentials;

   (d) Provisional agenda of the first part of the thirty-eighth regular session of the Board;

   (e) Provisional agenda of the seventeenth special session of the Board;

   (f) Designation of the President of the thirty-eighth regular session of the Board.

2. Protectionism and structural adjustment and, in conjunction therewith, the outcome of the Uruguay Round on developments and issues of particular concern to the developing countries, in accordance with paragraph 105 (8) of the Final Act of the seventh session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

3. Preparations for the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

4. United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990: the intergovernmental input of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development into the General Assembly's final review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action in 1991.

5. Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries:

   - The contribution of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development to the follow-up of the Programme of Action.

6. Other matters in the field of trade and development:

   - Implementation of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries (Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/54).

7. Other matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies:

   - Committee on Commodities.

8. Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

   (a) Treatment of new States members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for purposes of elections;

   (b) Announcement of any changes in the membership of the Board and election to membership of main committees;

   (c) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board;

   (d) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure;

   (e) Review of the calendar of meetings;

   (f) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board.

9. Other business.

10. Adoption of the report of the Board.

ANNEX II

Provisional agenda of the first part of the thirty-eighth session of the Trade and Development Board

1. Procedural matters:

   (a) Election of officers;

   (b) Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the session;

   (c) Adoption of the report on credentials;

   (d) Provisional agenda for the second part of the thirty-eighth session of the Board.

2. Interdependence of problems of trade, development finance and the international monetary system.

3. Debt and development problems of developing countries.

4. The contribution of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, within its mandate, to sustainable development (Board decision 384 (XXXVII)).

5. Assistance to the Palestinian people (Conference resolutions 146 (VI) and 169 (VII)).

6. Preparations for the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

7. Other matters requiring action by the Board arising from or related to reports and activities of its subsidiary and other bodies:

   [To be completed in the light of developments]

8. Other matters in the field of trade and development:

   (a) Economic cooperation among developing countries:

   - Financing of South-South trade (para. 4 (c) (iii) of resolution 4 (V) of the Committee on Economic Cooperation among Developing Countries);

   (b) Report of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in accordance with Conference resolution 137 (VI) concerning land-locked countries;

   (c) Export promotion: report of the Joint Advisory Group on the International Trade Centre UNCTAD/GATT on its twenty-fourth session;

(d) Progressive development of the law of international trade: twenty-fourth annual report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law:

[To be completed in the light of developments]

9. Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

(a) Treatment of new States members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for purposes of elections;

(b) Announcement of any changes in the membership of the Board and election to membership of main committees;

(c) Membership of the Working Party on the Medium-term Plan and the Programme Budget for 1992;

(d) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purpose of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board;

(e) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board;

(f) Review of the calendar of meetings;

(g) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board.

10. Other business.

11. Adoption of the report of the Board.

ANNEX III

Provisional agenda for the seventeenth special session of the Trade and Development Board

1. Procedural matters:

   (a) Adoption of the agenda and organization of the work of the session;

   (b) Adoption of the report on credentials.

2. Organization of the work of the eighth session of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

3. Substantive preparations for the eighth session of the Conference.

4. Institutional, organizational, administrative and related matters:

   (a) Treatment of new States members of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development for purposes of elections;

   (b) Announcement of any changes in the membership of the Board and election to membership of main committees;

   (c) Designation of intergovernmental bodies for the purposes of rule 76 of the rules of procedure of the Board;

   (d) Designation and classification of non-governmental organizations for the purposes of rule 77 of the rules of procedure of the Board;

   (e) Administrative and financial implications of the actions of the Board.

5. Other business.

6. Adoption of the report of the Board.